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What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

A Partnership between ADOT, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), local cities, Valley Metro, and Valley Metro Rail to:

- Manage regional transportation programs
- Coordinate project implementation
- Develop finance strategies
- Foster communication and public involvement
- Facilitate regional collaboration on transportation initiatives

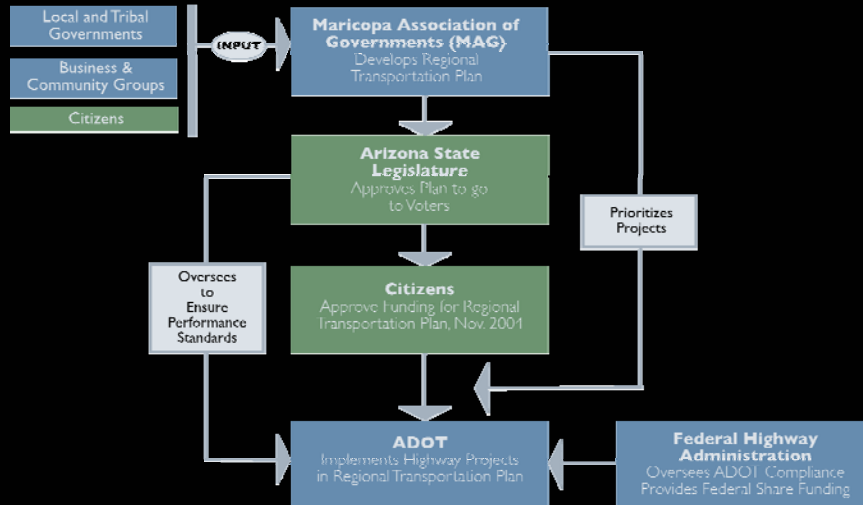


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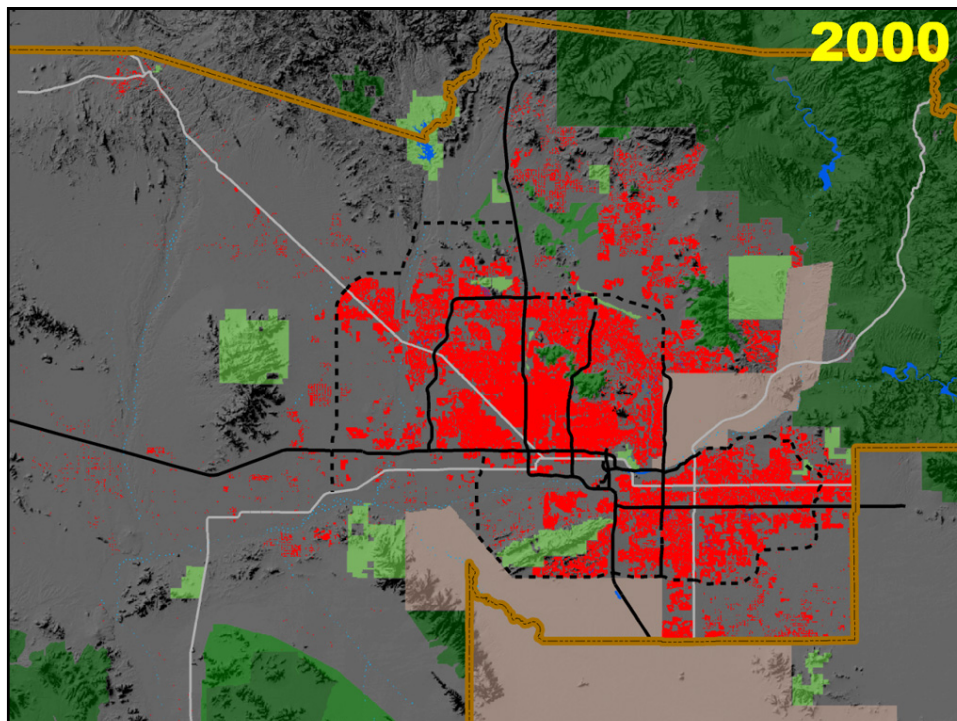
Why is a Regional Transportation Plan Needed?

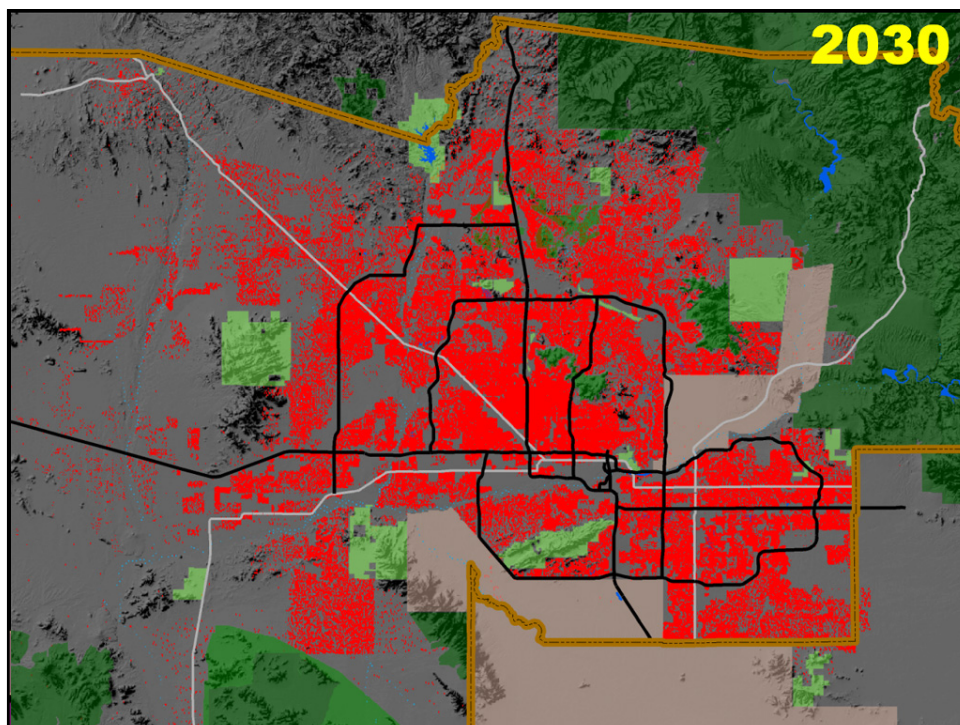
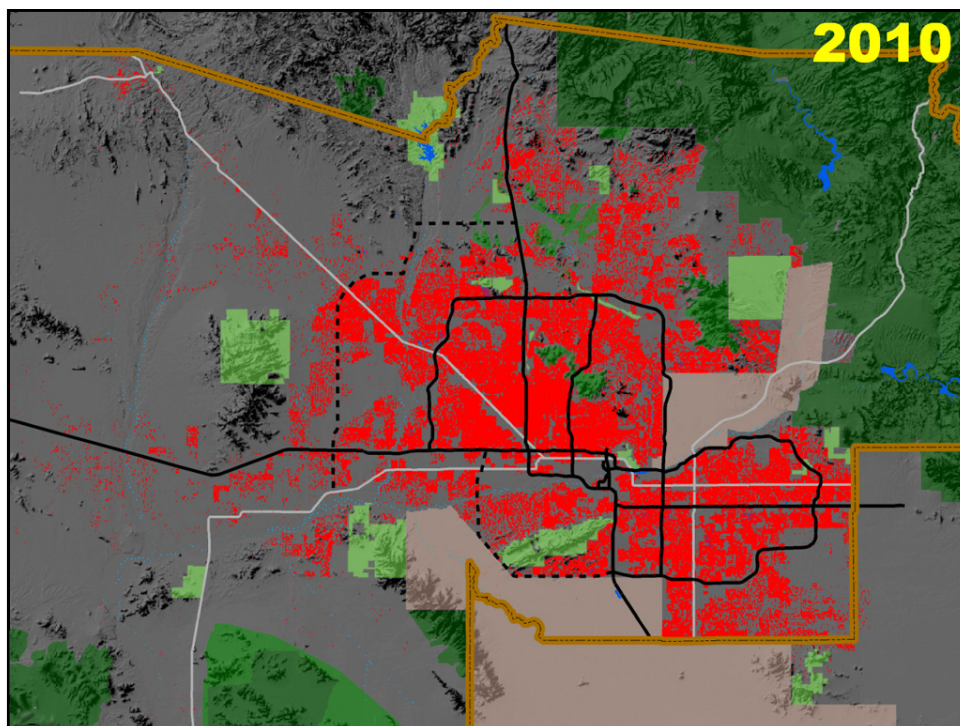


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Regional Transportation Plan

- Approved in 2003 by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)
- Approved by voters in November 2004 (Proposition 400)
- Most comprehensive transportation planning effort in 40 years
- Blueprint for transportation investments for next 20 years
 - Guided by performance goals
 - The Plan is the policy framework that identifies transportation priorities
- Developed by Transportation Policy Committee



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MAG's Role

- Regional Transportation Planning
- Prioritization of phasing and funding of projects
- Approval of accelerations and cost changes to Regional Transportation Plan
- Approval of air quality analysis on all regional transportation projects



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ADOT's Role

- Deliver the Regional Transportation Plan
- Conduct environmental studies to evaluate projects
- Buy land for freeway routes and expansions
- Design freeway improvements
- Build and maintain freeway system
- Approve regional freeway enhancements



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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Transportation Policy Committee MAG Regional Transportation Plan Public Outreach Activities

Final Regional Transportation Plan Approved

The [Maricopa Association of Governments](#)—working with local communities, state and regional agencies, business leaders, and the public—has developed the new Regional Transportation Plan that will guide transportation investments for the next 20 years. Technical studies conducted across the region, along with extensive public outreach and support from the business community, have all contributed to building a transportation plan that is designed to balance various needs throughout the region while meeting performance-based standards.

The Plan was approved by the Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council, and has also passed required air quality standards. The [full Plan](#) and [executive summary](#) are available online.

See the [News Updates](#) page for more press releases, and the [Public Outreach Activities Project](#) page for an up-to-date calendar and the latest related documents.

What's New

- 2006 RTP Update - Draft
- 2005 RTP Phasing Maps
- April 2006 Transportation News Update

Downloads

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Regional Transportation Plan Executive Summary
- Freeways and Arterials Map
- Regional Bus System Map
- Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit Map
- RTP PowerPoint Presentation
- Single Page RTP Summary Flier
- Subarea Fact Sheets of Transportation Improvements

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SPECIAL EDITION

DID YOU KNOW?

Nationally, from 1969 to 1997, the number of households with two or more vehicles doubled from 30% to 60%, despite a decline in the size of the average American household.

Study Purpose

- Improve freeway capacity
- Help alleviate increased levels of traffic congestion of future traffic volumes, based on MAG Bottleneck Study
- Implement Regional Transportation Plan

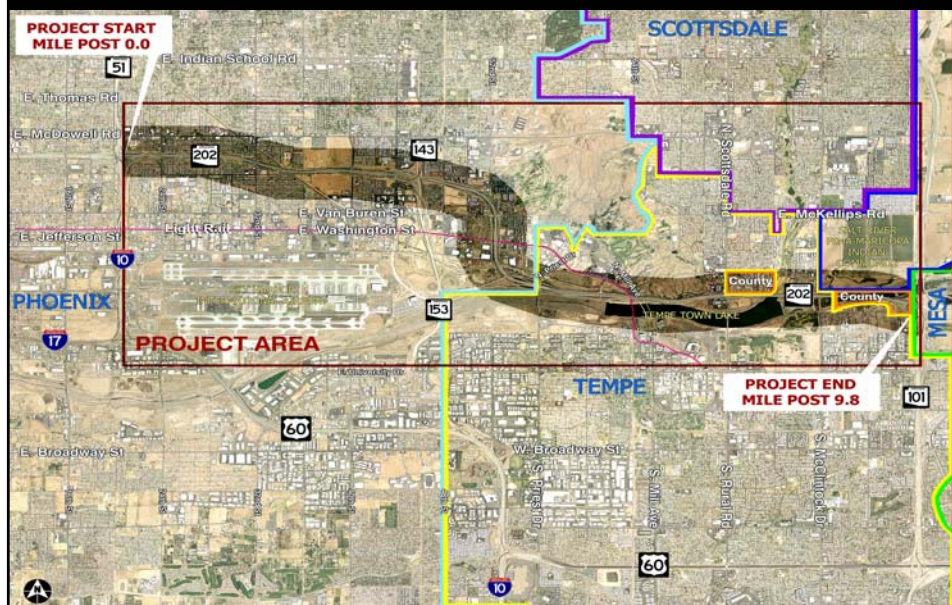


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Project Vicinity Map



Project Recommendations - eastbound



1. Add one general purpose lane from I-10/SR 51 Traffic Interchange to Scottsdale Road

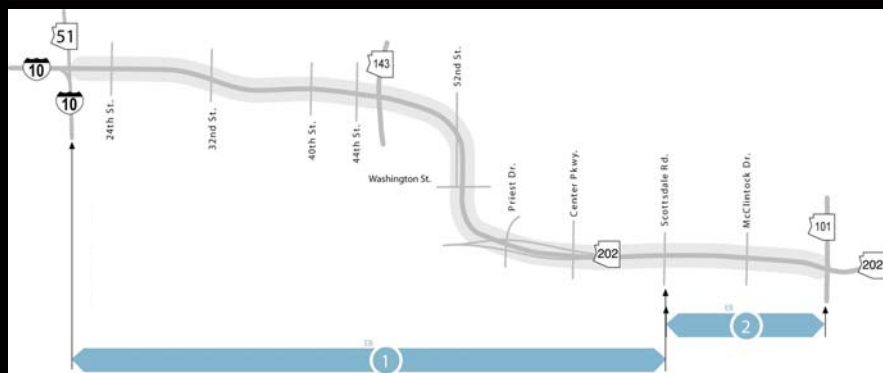


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Project Recommendations - eastbound



2. Add two general purpose lanes from Scottsdale Road to the Loop 101/Loop 202 Traffic Interchange

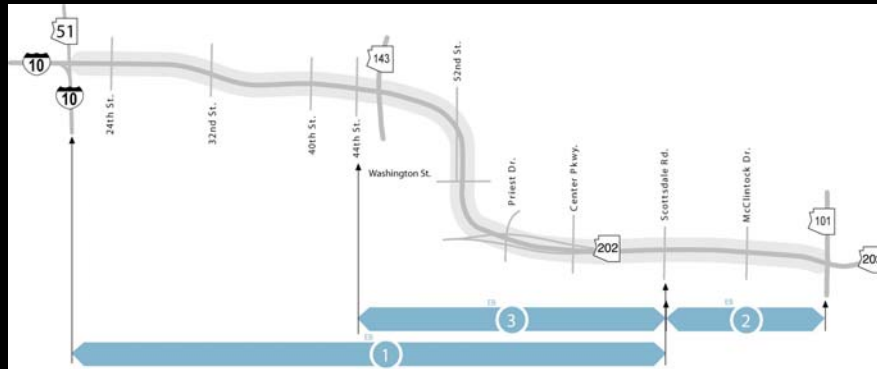


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Project Recommendations - eastbound



3. Add auxiliary lanes between 44th Street and 52nd Street, between Van Buren Street and Priest Drive, and between Center Parkway and Scottsdale Road

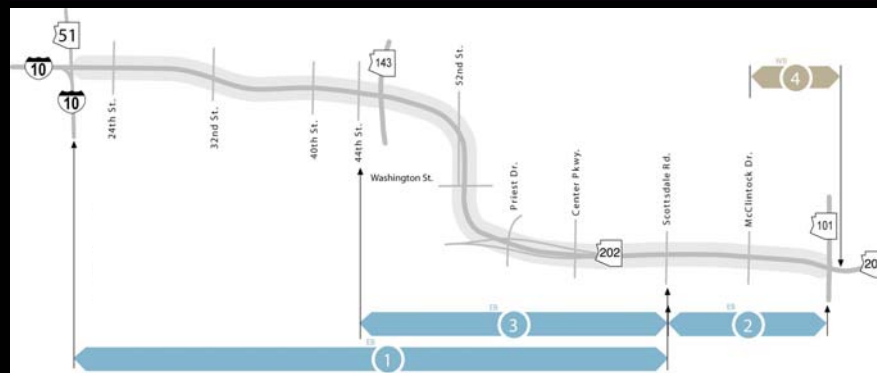


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Project Recommendations - westbound



4. Add one general purpose lane from the Loop 101/Loop 202 Traffic Interchange to McClintock Drive

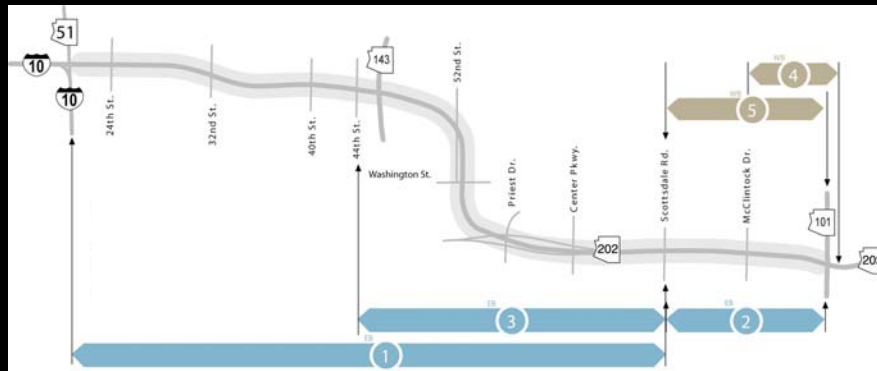


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Project Recommendations - westbound



5. Add one general purpose lane from the Loop 101/Loop 202 Traffic Interchange to Scottsdale Road

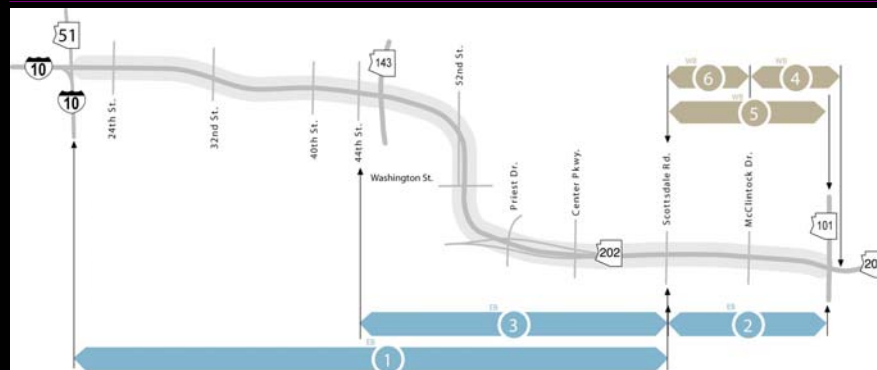


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Project Recommendations - westbound



6. Add an auxiliary lane between McClintock Drive and Scottsdale Road



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Special Considerations

- Rio Salado and Tempe Town Lake
- Papago Park
- LoPiano Mesquite Bosque Habitat
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Maintenance of Traffic During Construction
- Potential for New Right-of-Way Acquisition – “Goal is to Stay within Current Right-of-Way Limits”



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Environmental Analysis

Environmental Documentation

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Categorical Exclusion with Detailed Mitigation Measures

Environmental Considerations

- Agency and Public Involvement
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Noise and Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Socioeconomic
- Water Resources
- Visual Resources



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Next Steps

- Final Design Concept Report Spring 2007
- Final Environmental Document Spring 2007
- Start Final Design Fall 2007
- Construction to Begin in 2009



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ADOT Public Involvement

- Unprecedented commitment to public involvement
- Working closely with community members, businesses, public officials
- Involving the public in the decision-making process in the early planning stages
- Continuing information and involvement throughout design and construction



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Keep Informed and Provide Input

- Comment forms available this evening
- Sign up for East Valley e-newsletter

E-mail questions and comments to

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Thank You!



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